

August 1, 1988

Richard D. Crites
Law Offices
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Springfield, MO 65804

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Dear Mr. Crites:

The City has received your letter dated July 26, 1988 and I have been asked to respond. You have voiced objections to a letter which was sent by Mr. Randy Lyman, Sewer Surveillance and Billing Supervisor. Mr. Lyman's letter indicated that the City of Springfield had received a complaint that used motor oil was being dumped on a lot to the west of your home. Personnel of the Division of Sanitary Services respond to these types of complaints routinely as a service to the citizens of Springfield. Our investigation of this complaint determined that waste oil had been dumped on the ground west of your house.

The purpose of Mr. Lyman's letter to you was to indicate that this is not proper disposal for waste oil. It can be a violation of State law whenever it rains because this waste oil can be washed into the stream. Your property is very close to Thompson Branch which discharges into Lake Springfield and the James River. Waste oil is also defined by State Regulations as a hazardous waste. It is illegal to dispose of waste oil in any quantity by dumping on private property.

It is not our intent to take any further action in regard to this matter. Our intent was to inform you that is not a proper practice and therefore you or your family should cease disposing of waste oil in this manner. As indicated in Mr. Lyman's letter you can take waste oil to Sears Automotive Department in Springfield who will accept waste oil at no cost to you.

I hope this letter will provide additional information so you understand it is the City's intent to prevent this type of disposal from occurring again. It is certainly not our intent to become involved with squabbles between neighbors and to waste money in any fashion. We do however feel compelled to respond to all citizen complaints as appropriate to the situation. I have looked into this matter and I feel changes should be made in the letters we send to private individuals so our intent is more clearly stated.

2268 E. THOMPSON PL

If you have any questions in regard to my letter or need any further information in regard to this matter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



Robert A. Schaefer, P. E.
Supt. of Sanitary Services

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cc: Don G. Busch, City Manager
Howard Wright, City Attorney
David G. Snider, Director of Public Works
Randy Lyman, Sewer Surveillance & Billing Supervisor ✓

To Gene
Date 6-24 Time 1:50 By R
While You Were Out
Mrs. Richard Herchenroeder
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Herchenroeder
OF 2252 E Thompson Place

☐ Telephoned ☐ Called to See You
☐ Will Call Again ☐ Wants to See You
☐ Please Call Him/Her ☐ Rush!

Mr. Richard Grites
Phone neighbor (Richard

Message Grites at
2268 E Thompson Pl. is
dumping oil on
vacant lot between
these two residences

Grites has easement
from Herchenroeder on land
where oil is dumped